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CONSTRUCTION WORKERS INCREASE; SLOVAKIA HAS LARGE LABOR TURNOVER

76,897 MORE WORKERS IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY -- Prague Hospodar, 20 Jul 50

The State Statistical Office has announced that 293,964 persons, excluding apprentices and volunteers, were employed in the construction industry at the end of the first quarter 1950, an increase of 76,897 persons over the same date last year. Of the total number of construction workers in 1950, 260,652 were blue-collar workers, including 13,177 women, 32,324 were white-collar workers, including 5,070 women, and 955 were active proprietors in the private sector.

Of the blue-collar workers, 94,745 wer: skilled workers, including 263 women, and 165,907 were auxiliary workers, including 12,924 women. Of the white-collar workers, 17,357 were technical experts, including 101 women, and 14,967 were administrative workers, including 4,969 women.

By sectors, the number of workers as of 31 March 1950, as compared to 1949, is as follows:

| Sector | 1949 | 31 Mar 1950 | |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------------|--|
| State enterprises | 174,802 | 238,382 | |
| Communal enterprises | 4,507 | 16,313 | |
| State and public administration | 17,470 | , 30,075 | |
| Cooperative enterprises | 1,863 | 3,427 | |
| Private sector | 18,425 | 5,767 | |
| Total | 217,067 | 29354 | |

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TURNOVER QUOTAS EXCEEDED -- Neue Zurcher Zeitung, 24 Jul 50

The turnover of workers in Slovak industry is very great. The large turnover during the first quarter 1950 continued through May and June. The government prescribed the maximum number of people each factory can hire during 1950 and the maximum number of workers permitted to leave the factory. During the first quarter 1950 these limits were observed by only three industrial branches and in April by only one industrial branch. Average turnover was 40 percent greater than the quotas allowed; in mining and metallurgy the turnover was 10 percent greater; and in the power industry the turnover increased steadily during the first few months of 1950 and did not improve until April.

The smallest turnover was shown by the tool industry, while the largest was in the textile industry.

These percentages pertain to Slovakia, where tens of thousands of new workers were hired on account of the industrialization program. Many workers were hired on account of the industrialization program. Many workers therefore their work in factories in the spring and return to their farms. Agricultural collectives, in addition to rationalizing agricultural production, strive to recruit tens of thousands of new workers for year-round employment in industry.

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